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SUBJECT: Wisconsin Shares for Tribal Placement Homes

CROSS REFERENCE: Child Care Manual Chapter 1, Sections 1.2.0, 1.4.1, 1.6.21,
and 1.11.4.1.

EFFECTIVE DATE: IMMEDIATELY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memo is to direct local agencies to use the same Wisconsin Shares eligibility policy for children placed in tribal foster homes as is used for children placed in state-licensed foster homes.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, Wisconsin Shares eligibility for foster children is determined by counting the child's biological or adoptive parent's income, not the foster parent's

income. Chapter 1, Section 1.11.4.1 contains procedures for local agencies to use to obtain biological or adoptive parent income.

Policy:

Wisconsin Shares eligibility for children placed in foster homes which are licensed by the tribes must be determined using the same criteria as is used for placements in foster homes which are licensed under Wisconsin statutes. Eligibility staff should contact the tribal social service agency for income information and follow the same procedures outlined for foster parents which are licensed under Wisconsin law.

The definition of a foster parent in Child Care Manual, Section 1.2.0 is expanded to include a person licensed by a tribal social service agency as tribal placement home.

CONTACTS:

For Child Care policy questions outside of Milwaukee County: Bureau of Regional Operations (BRO), Child Care Coordinators at http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/regional_operations/pdf/contact_list.pdf

For Child Care CARES/CWW, CSAW and CCPI IT systems processing questions statewide and policy questions in Milwaukee County: Child Care Help Desk at childcare@wisconsin.gov or (608) 264-1657.

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